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Committee Chair, Jesse Gabriel
Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 162
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter opposing AB 1194 denying a risk to women's health

Dear Chair and Members of the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee,

On behalf of the Right to Life League and our supporters, we urge you to reject **AB 1194**. The bill does not protect consumers; rather it is designed to protect abortion providers at the cost of women's health.

AB 1194 creates an exception to the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 (CPRA) which will block the ability to disclose personal information of a consumer where the consumer is at risk of danger of death or serious physical injury. The bill does so by proclaiming that a consumer who seeks abortion care services does not constitute a natural person being at risk or danger of death or serious physical injury. This carve out makes no sense and is very dangerous for women.

AB 1194 ignores the very real physical risk to women of surgical and chemical abortions. Surgical abortions can result in the death of women. According to the FDA, 28 women have died in association with taking the abortion pill.

Moreover, as reported in the *Daily Signal* on January 4, 2023, "the complication rate from abortion pills is four times that of a first-trimester surgical abortion. One recent study found that between 2002 and 2015, emergency room visits following a chemical abortion increased by more than 500%."

In a January 18, 2023 interview with the *Daily Signal*, Senior Fellow and Director of Medical Affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, Dr. Ingrid Skop, an OB-GYN physician with 25 years of experience, stated “We know there have already been documented cases of women much further along than 10 weeks who’ve been provided abortion pills by the boyfriend or the father of the baby who did not want her to be pregnant.”

Although chemical abortion pills are only authorized to be used up to 10 weeks of pregnancy, Dr. Skop confirms there “have been cases of 31-, 33-week infants being delivered because [the abortion pills will in] many cases not kill the baby, but it’ll induce labor because of the misoprostol.”

California has no reporting requirements for abortions. This is intentional to prevent accurate reporting and data accumulation and risk assessment of the procedure. Denying reality and hiding data about abortion is a disservice to consumers.

Where the consumer is at risk of danger of death or serious physical injury, businesses must have the ability to disclose personal information of a consumer quickly to save lives. AB 1194 hampers health providers’ ability to do so. To protect women’s health, AB 1194 should be rejected.

Very Truly Yours,



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